

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/18/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 11, 14, 15, 17-20 and 23.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jason Garbell on February 7, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended to read:

1. A process for preparing enzyme containing particles, said process comprising spray drying a fermentation broth comprising an enzyme and a biomass, to obtain solid particles comprising an enzyme and a biomass having a mean particle size of about 50 – 300 μ and a SPAN value below about 2.5.

Claims 4-7, line 2, the term "starting material" has been deleted.

Claim 8, line 1, the term "fermentation" has been inserted before the term "broth".

Claim 11, the term "fermentation" has been inserted before the term "broth".

Claim 14, line 3, a hyphen has been inserted between the term "anti" and "foaming".

Claim 14 line 5, the term "has" has been replaced with the term "have" and the term "starting material" has been replaced by the phrase "fermentation broth prior to spray drying."

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Claim 15, line 1, the term "starting material" has been replaced by the phrase "fermentation broth".

Claim 15, line 2, the phrase "prior to spray drying" has been inserted after the term "treatment".

Claim 17, the term "starting material" has been replaced by the phrase "fermentation broth".

Claim 18, the term "starting material" has been replaced by the phrase "fermentation broth" and the phrase "present in the starting material" has been deleted.

Claim 19, the phrase "in the" has been inserted between the terms "liter" and "liquid".

Claim 20, the term "starting material" has been replaced by the phrase "fermentation broth".

Claims 21-22 have been canceled.

Claim 24 has been canceled.

Claims 26-28 have been canceled.

Claim 32 has been canceled.

2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 12-13 and 25, drawn to the invention of Group II, non-elected without traverse.

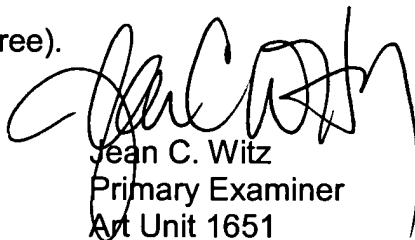
Accordingly, claims 12-13 and 25 have been cancelled.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean C. Witz whose telephone number is (571) 272-0927. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Wityshyn can be reached on (571) 272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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